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Bramble House
East New Market
private

c. 1800

The Bramble house survives as one of a small collection of turn of the nineteenth century dwellings that date from the early years of East New Market development. Although colonial occupation of the region dates to the seventeenth century, the village of East New Market did not appear until the last years of the eighteenth century. Originally marking the northeast corner of the main intersection, the Bramble house was identified in an 1880 will as nearly one hundred years old at that time. A few years after the will was probated in Dorchester County court, the two-story frame house was relocated a short distance north. While the exterior of the Bramble house has been obscured by a layer of aluminum siding, the interior retains examples of woodwork dating from the early to mid nineteenth century. Perhaps most notable is the undisturbed raised panel doors, wrought-iron hinges, chair rail, and flooring that remains on the second floor.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. D-640

Magi No. 1006402304

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BRAMBLE HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town East New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hurley

street & number North Main Street telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code Maryland 21631

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of Court liber

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state Md 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Md 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one		
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	c. 1880-1885
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bramble house stands on the east side of North Main Street in the town of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story frame house, moved this site around 1880-1890, faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1800, the two-story, two-bay frame house is supported by a minimal masonry foundation and sheathed with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with a boxed cornice and flush gable ends. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story dining room/kitchen wing that was reworked and enlarged around 1972.

The west (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with the front door located in south bay and a six-over-six sash window to the north. The first floor is entirely sheltered by a screened-in porch that is covered by a hip roof. The second floor is lighted by a pair of unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters.

The north gable end is marked by six-over-six sash windows that light the first and second floors, while a pair of small windows light the attic. The windows of each floor flank an interior end brick stove stack. The south gable end is less detailed with a single six-over-six sash in the west bay of the second floor and a pair of attic windows mark the upper gable. The east side of the main house is covered entirely by the two-story dining room/kitchen wing that is lighted on each floor by single six-over-six sash windows.

The first floor interior follows a side hall/parlor plan with the stair rising against the south wall. The mid nineteenth-century style stair consists of a heavily turned newel post and a simply molded handrail. A raised six-panel door provides access to the space beneath the stair. The parlor is also finished with mid nineteenth-century woodwork with a standard post-and-lintel mantel fixed against the north wall. Aside from the stair closet, the first floor doors date from the middle years of the nineteenth century as well. Contrasting with the mid nineteenth-century woodwork on the first floor are exposed corner posts that retain a board covering decorated with a beaded edge.

The second floor, on the other hand, retains more turn of the nineteenth century woodwork. The second floor of the front block is divided by a plastered partition that separates the bedroom from a passage behind. Fixed in the southeast corner of the passage is the enclosed attic stair which survives with a raised six-panel door, HL hinges, and cyma curve backband surrounds. The passage and bedroom retain wide pine floors and sections of period chair rail. A two-panel Greek Revival style door opens into a rear bedroom.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Bramble house survives as one of a small collection of turn of the nineteenth-century frame houses in East New Market. Originally built on the northeast corner of the main intersection of the town, the two-story frame house was relocated around 1880-1890 when the corner site became more valuable as commercial space. The house is named for Mary Bramble, a former owner who may have been connected with building the structure. The interior finishes date from two principal periods. The first floor was reworked significantly around 1850-1860, while the second floor retains more of its turn of the nineteenth-century features. The exposed corner posts are relatively rare for East New Market houses.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Diagram B shows three empty coordinate axes. The first axis is labeled 'Zone' and has two tick marks. The second axis is labeled 'Easting' and has four tick marks. The third axis is labeled 'Northing' and has four tick marks.

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D 

E 

F 

G

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart	Architectural Historian
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organization	Maryland Historical Trust	date	10/3/87
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street & number 21 State Circle **telephone**

city or town	Annapolis	state	Maryland	21401
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

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The attic is partially finished. Visible within the corner of the attic stair is the exposed southeast corner post with its beaded edge board sheathing. A patch in the attic flooring at the south gable end indicates the former location of the interior end brick chimney. The common rafter roof is exposed within a small peak space. The rafter pairs are fixed with a pinned lap joint as well as wrought nails.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: RESIDENCE

ORIGINAL USE: HOTEL

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ()

Good ()

Fair ()

Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT:

C. 1780

Moved C. 1890

COUNTY: Dorchester

TOWN: East New Market

LOCATION: Main Street

Route 16

East New Market 21631

COMMON NAME:

The Bramble House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hurley

ADDRESS: East New Market, Md. 21631

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (x)

No ()

Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (x)

State ()

National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam (x) Balloon ()

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()

C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()

Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum (x) Asphalt Shingle ()

Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()

Bonding Pattern:

Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (x) Sheet Metal ()

Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()

Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()

Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()

Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location:

3RD BAY

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration (x) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (x) Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

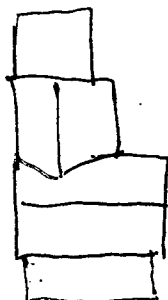
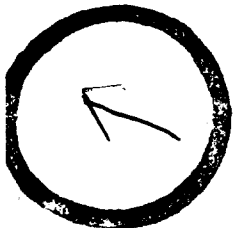
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RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up(x) Densely Built Up()
Residential() Commercial()
Agricultural() Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

PROPERTY OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES F. HURLEY (BRAMBLE HOUSE 1785)

2½ story, frame structure with aluminum siding.* Cross gabled roof that does not extend to front covered with asphalt tile. Brick foundation.

Front facade has 3 bays; entrance in 3rd bay. Hip roof over veranda. Veranda is screened.

On the right side at the extreme top there are small, square, stationery 4-pane windows. 3 bays wide.

A portion of the present one-story addition (sunporch)**was originally a small open porch. Flat roof.

Original shutters have been replaced with aluminum.

*According to owner, under aluminum siding there is weather boarding 4 to 6 inches wide covered with shingles.

**According to owner, main block was built 1785 or before; rear block between 1840-50; sunporch 1973.

WORKSHOP OR CARRIAGE HOUSE

This outbuilding has concrete block base with wide vertical boards and 2 swinging doors. Asphalt tile roof.

*According to owner, a portion was a wood-coal shed and the hinges are original.

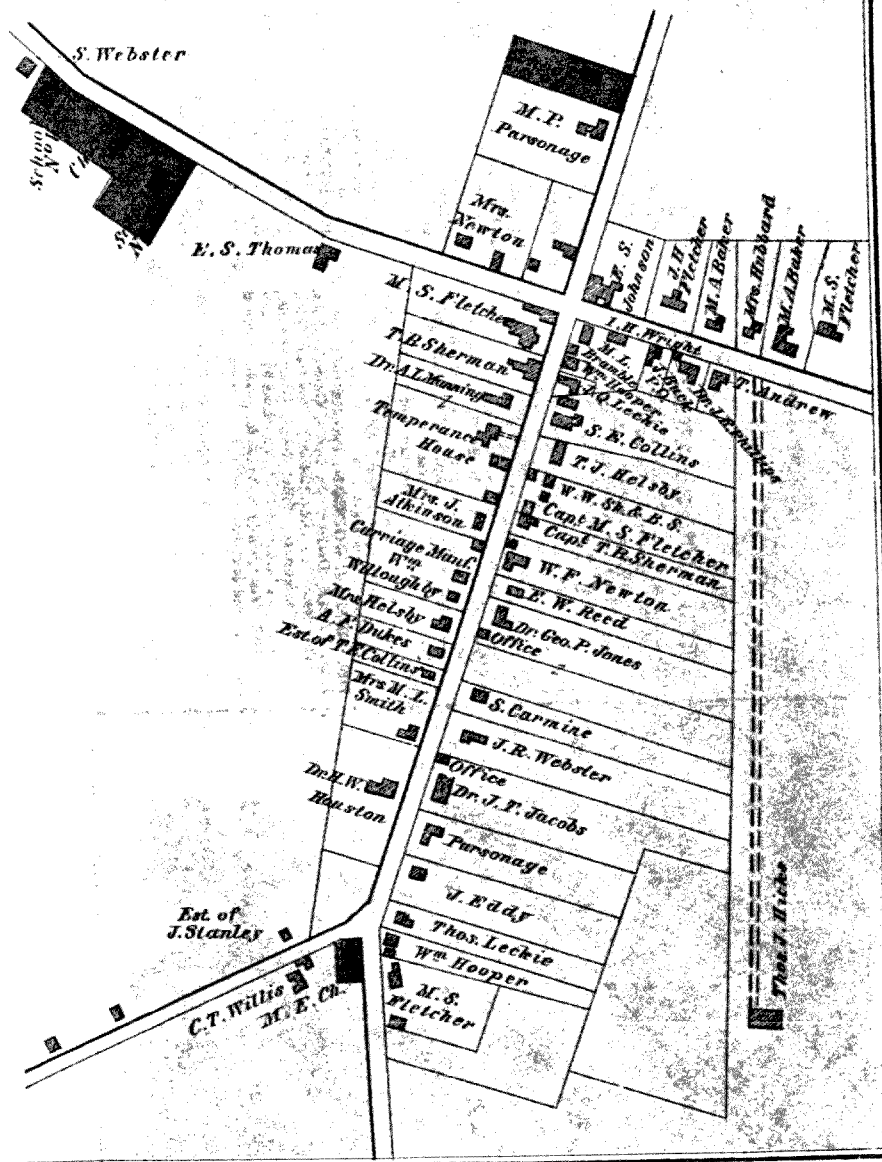
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A will of 1880 refers to this house as being "nearly one hundred years old," although its present appearance is from a much later period. This two-bay-wide, two-and-onehalf-story frame house originally stood at the southeast corner of the Maryland routes 16 and 14 intersection but was moved to its present location in the 1890s. Prior to this move, the Bramble House functioned as a hotel.

EAST NEW MARKET

DORCHESTER CO.

(East New Market Dist.)



EAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- J. W. ANDREWS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, Tinware, Ready Made Clothing, Harness, Notions, and all other articles usually kept in a country store. Residence and Store, Cabin Creek, Md.
- K. B. FLETCHER**, Proprietor of the "Upper Cabin Creek" Flouring Mill. Merchant and Custom work done. Wheat and Corn bought at all times. Cabin Creek.
- B. F. SHERMAN**, Proprietor of "Lower Cabin Creek Mills." Merchant and Custom work done. Highest cash prices for Wheat and Corn. Also constable of East New Market District. P. O. East New Market.
- JAMES H. KELLY**, Proprietor of "Little Brick Mill." Custom work done at all times and in a satis-

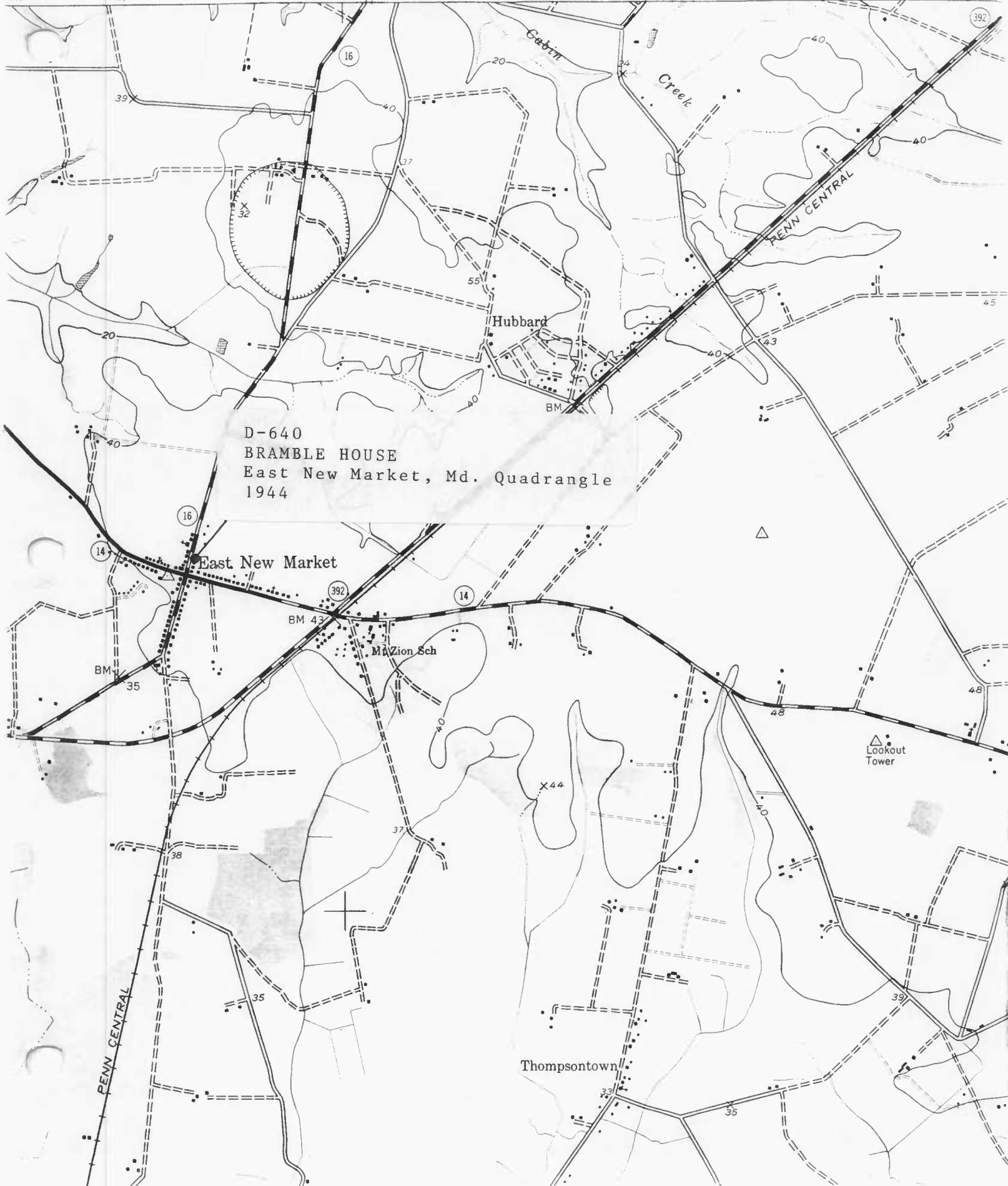
WILLIAM R. HOOPER, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. I keep a fine assortment on hand, and for sale at all times. All kinds of work done from finest Calf to "Plough Brogans." Orders solicited. Repairing neatly done. Shop, East New Market.

W. S. POTTER & SON, Proprietors of "Holly Grove Canning Factory." All kinds of Fruits canned, and kept on hand, and for sale at all times; Warranted as marked. Peaches a specialty. Residence and Canning Factory near East New Market, Dorchester County, Md.

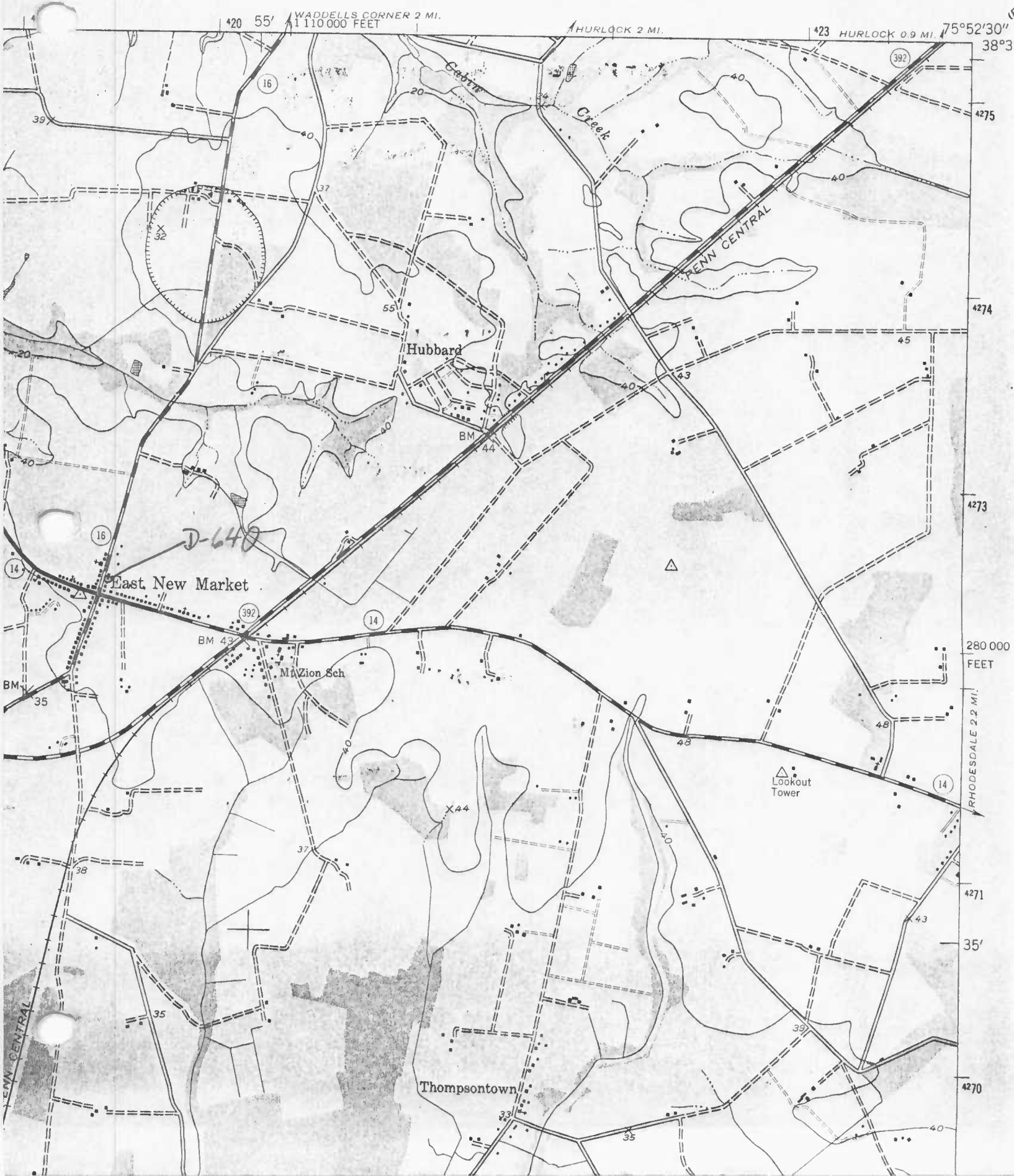
H. W. HOUSTON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and

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East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southwest elevation

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Northwest elevation

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Attic door HL hinge

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Corner post

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